

AMENDMENTS

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please enter Figure 23 herewith.

REMARKS

The Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification informs Applicants that Figure 23 is not present in the application file. Applicants note that this is their first notification that Figure 23 was not in the application file. Applicants' application was filed on August 21, 2001, and specification and drawings were resubmitted on October 31, 2001.

The absence of Figure 23 was the result of inadvertence without any deceptive intent or motive. Applicants submit herewith a replacement copy of Figure 23 for this application. Figure 23 is properly added to the application, without introducing any new matter, pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 201.06(c)IV. Applicants in their transmittal letter filed with the application noted that "the entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied [herewith], is considered as being part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein." (Exhibit A). Applicants filed a copy of the oath or declaration from the previous application (Serial Number 09/474,892, now U.S. Patent 5,880,862), and identified the previous application both in their transmittal letter and Preliminary Amendment submitted with their application. Figure 23 is properly considered a part of the instant application by reference, and can be incorporated into the application without the introduction of new matter. Applicants respectfully request that Figure 23 be so entered.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants respectfully contend that all conditions and formal requirements of patentability have been met.

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at 312-913-0001.

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